



# INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

## Community Outreach Efforts

*June 14, 2006: Indiana Disproportionality Training (Government Center)*

IDC efforts continue to progress well and participation continues to grow. Committee members are very excited with the direction and work that has been completed in the last couple of months. To ensure progress continues ICJI staff will be participating on all sub-committees not only to move forward but also to provide a more accurate reporting base to OJJDP. Melissa Norman of DCS Region 15 presented on the current practice model DCS is utilizing. Continued discussion on definitions, grant progress and presentation participation were also brought up. At the next scheduled large committee meeting it is the Research Sub-Committee's responsibility to make all necessary revisions and changes to presentation and bring to the meeting for feedback.

*June 19, 2006: DMC Multi-Disciplinary Field-Initiated Grant Application*

The Research Sub-Committee for IDC submitted its first grant application to OJJDP for up to \$400,000 over a two-year period. The grant came together rather well and was submitted on time. The application was developed to enhance the committee's scope of work. The grant will provide researchers with an opportunity to follow-up after focus groups are held to measure the degree of influence IDC had on its participants. The grant will also measure the cohesiveness and influence of the multi-disciplinary committee on the community. It is projected that the result of IDC receiving the grant award will be sometime in October.

*June 27, 2006: Asante Children's Theatre and State of Our Black Youth Collaboration*

ICJI's role in the State of Our Black Youth Indianapolis Sub-Committee was to inquire about various children's theatres in Indiana that would be willing to collaborate with the group to formulate a live script in regards to child abuse and neglect. Asante Children's Theatre (ACT) has been established for the past sixteen years and continues to be honored and recognized for their empowering performances.

Staff of ICJI discussed with ACT possible funding resources, play ideas, publications/organizations to obtain valid statistical information and various concepts/strategies in order to address the issue in a timid but powerful manner.

*June 28, 2006: State of Our Black Youth (SOBY)*

The Indianapolis Sub-Committee has narrowed down its focus and continues to progress steadily. With the addition of Prevent Child Abuse Indiana (PCAIN) as well as Asante Children's Theatre (ACT) the meeting created wheels to turn. The committee will continue to focus on disseminating toolkits with the assistance of PCAIN through managed healthcare facilities. The school skits, state-wide video and facilitation questions will be handled by ICJI and ACT. Discussion of "Kids on the Block" puppet play is still undecided. Funding continues to be a hindrance in the progression of the committee because the committee has been unable to set parameters on what ideas are cost efficient and reasonable.

## Upcoming Events

July 14, 2006: Indiana Disproportionality Committee Research Sub Committee

July 26, 2006: 2006 Juvenile Judges Symposium

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